

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 2, 2003
3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Patty Badenoch (arrived 5:40 PM)
Commissioners Sue Alsworth, Dick Kiesell, George Knowlton

Absent: Commissioner Nancy Wendorf (excused)
Commissioner John Horwitz (excused)

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Joanie Mead

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM and members were present as stated above.

APPROVAL OF 3/05/03 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 5, 2003 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ALSWORTH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (NFP)

Joanie Mead, Neighborhood Education Manager, introduced herself and discussed her background. Having been with the City for 26 years, currently one of her duties was coordination of the Neighborhood College Program, which Commissioners were welcome to attend. This program was designed to give neighbors the tools and resources to become neighborhood leaders. Ms. Mead further described some of the other programs she was involved with.

Mr. Keagy informed that Council was in the middle of budget planning for the next fiscal year and the requested funding of \$75,000 for the NFP Program was still being recommended at this time.

Ms. Mead had mailed to each Commissioner information on various neighborhood grant programs from several cities including Glendale, Mesa, Tempe, Jacksonville FL, Orlando FL and Seattle WA for review and discussion in determining a new direction for Scottsdale's program.

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Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of the programs for each city. Regarding Glendale, favorable items included top priority given to neighborhoods older than 36 years, applications reviewed and prioritized quarterly, using a point system to weigh criteria, questions about previous funding received, maintenance of property, and whether they have a Block Watch.

Mr. Keagy noted this program would have to be made available to all neighborhoods but the Commission could choose to create guidelines or incentives for older neighborhoods and tip the scales away from HOAs if they so desired.

In regard to Mesa's program, Chairman Shultz was familiar with it and gave a description, noting it was not intended for infrastructure costs but rather a way to help neighborhoods come together and solve problems.

Favorable comments regarding Tempe's program included the fact that they funded apartments and that consideration of forgoing the 'match' was given for economic hardship,

Regarding Jacksonville Florida's program, Commissioners liked the idea of a pre-application workshop. Orlando's program was very similar to Jacksonville's.

Commissioners were very impressed with Seattle's program and their budget of \$3.7M. They also liked establishing categories for the funding and specific guidelines for each. Mr. Keagy suggested Scottsdale's budget of \$75,000 could be broken down similarly as such: \$30,000 in the Large Project Fund, \$20,000 in a Small/Simple Project Fund, \$20,000 in a Spark Fund, and \$5,000 in a Tree Fund.

Further discussion was held on using funding for one large project versus several small projects.

Mr. Keagy said staff would do more research on cities that have done large projects to find out what they were getting from them. They will also ask Scottsdale planners what kind of projects they would like to see

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STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Mr. Keagy distributed three items regarding upcoming events: an invitation for Commissioners to ride on the trolley during Neighborhood Clean-up Weekend; Information on Clean & Beautiful Month with a request for Commissions to Adopt-a-Road; and information on Neighborhood Safety Events.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. 38-431.02)

There were no other public speakers.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting date will be May 7, 2003 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary